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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 3974

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, SY
SUBJECT: RUMOR OF ARREST OF ALAWITES IN MILITARY

1. EMBOFF VISITED EVENING JUNE 24 BY ACQUAINTANCE
WHO WAS CONSCRIPTED INTO SYRIAN ARMY SOME MONTHS BACK
AND WHO IS CURRENTLY STATIONED IN HOMS. SOURCE
MENTIONED THAT HE HAS BEEN TOLD BY SOME OF HIS MILITARY
FRIENDS THAT ONE-TWO WEEKS AGO 300 ALAWITES IN MILITARY
IN DAMASCUS AREA WERE ARRESTED FOR PLANNING A
"REVOLUTION" AGAINST REGIME. HE SAID HE HAD NO MORE
DETAILS BECAUSE "THERE ARE MANY SECRET POLICE WHERE I
AM STATIONED AND MY FRIENDS ARE AFRAID TO TALK ABOUT
POLITICAL SUBJECTS.Z

2. COMMENT: WE HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION THAT WOULD
SUBSTANTIATE THIS REPORT, AND AT PRESENT MUST REHRD
IT AS BARRACKS GOSSIP. SOURCE AND HIS FRIENDS ARE
RANK OF CORPORAL-PRIVATE AND THUS ARE NOT DIRECTLY
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PRIVY TO INFORMATION FROM SYRIANS OF OFFICER RANK.
WE REPORT IT BECAUSE IT MAY POSSIBLY BE CONNECTED
TO RECENT ASSASSINATION OF SYRIAN BRIG. RAZZUQ
AND TO WIDESPREAD RUMORS OF INTRA-ALAWITE FEUDING.
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